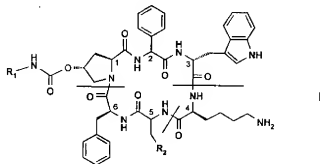


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

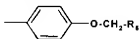
1. (previously presented): A process for producing a compound of formula I



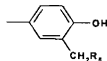
wherein

R_1 is $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene- NR_3R_4 , $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene-guanidine or $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene-COOH wherein each of R_3 and R_4 independently is H, C_{1-4} alkyl, ω -hydroxy- C_{2-4} alkylene or acyl or R_3 and R_4 form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a heterocyclic group which may comprise a further heteroatom, and

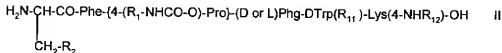
R_2 is $Z_1-CH_2-R_5$, $-CH_2-CO-O-CH_2-R_5$,



or



wherein Z_1 is O or S and R_5 is optionally substituted phenyl,
or a salt thereof,
comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



with a cyclizing agent selected from O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium-hexafluorophosphate and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

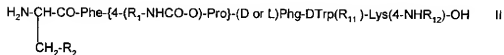
wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined above,

each of R_{11} and R_{12} , independently, is an amino protecting group

whereby when R_1 comprises a terminal NH_2 , this terminal NH_2 is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),
and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form.

2. (original): A process according to claim 1 comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$, R_2 is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl, and R_3 , R_4 , R_{11} and R_{12} are as defined in claim 1,

whereby when R_1 comprises a terminal NH_2 , this terminal NH_2 is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),

and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$ and R_2 is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl.

3-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A compound of formula II according to claim 2 3 which is selected from H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-DPhg-DTrp(Boc)-Lys(Boc)-OH, H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-DTrp-Lys(Boc)-OH and H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-D-Trp(Boc)Lys(Boc)-OH or a salt thereof.

6. (canceled).